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SUBJECT: DONOR REPS MEETING: FOOD AND DISBURSEMENT

1. AS AGREED AT FIRST MEETING (REFTEL A, LOCAL
BANGLADESH AID GROUP DONOR REPS HELD SECOND MEETING
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FEBRUARY 7 WITH BDG OFFICIALS UNDER IBRD CHAIRMANSHIP

TO DISCUSS FOOD AID, CHITTAGONG PORT PROBLEMS, AND PROPOSED STUDY OF DONOR DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES. BDG PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY SYEDUZZAMAN AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES SECRETARY A.M. KHAN, UNDP RES REP D' ASTUGUES AND SENIOR OFFICIERS FROM DACCA OFFICES OF ALL ADDRESSEES (EXCEPT ABU DHABI, ITALY, KUWAIT, ROMANIA AND SWITZERLAND) PRESENT.

2. FOOD AID. BDG CIRCULATED MEMORANDUM ON REQUIREMENT OF FOODGRAIN IMPORT AND PROBLEMS OF TRASPORTATION (INCLUDING ANNEXURE LISTING \$2.5 MILLION IN SPARES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CHITTAGONG PORT) PREPARED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND MINISTRIES OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS. UNDP RES REP ALSO CIRCULATED PAPER. (COPIES FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.) BDG MEMO NOTES THAT OF BDG FY 74/75 FOODGRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF 2.3 MILLION METRIC TONS (MMT), 1.73 MMT HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED (I.E. RECEIVED, CONTRACTED FOR, OR COMMITTED BY DONORS) AS OF FEBRUARY 5. KHAN AND SYEDUZZAMAN CLARIFIED THAT AMOUNT MOBILIZED DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE EEC PLEDGE OF 100,000 MT (ANNOUNCED FEB. 6) OR UP TO 100,000 MT CONTRACTED COMMERCIALY (TOFAS 10, TOFAS 18, TOFAS 19), WHICH LATTER, THEY SAID, NOT RPT NOT YET COMPLETELY FIRMED UP. SYEDUZZAMAN ASKED DONORS TO:

(A) EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS OF FOODGRAINS ALREADY COMMITTED AND INFORM BDG PROMPLTY OF ETAS;

(B) MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS/ PLEDGES TO ENABLE BDG MEET FULL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS; AND

(C) ASSIST WITH SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND SPARES REQUIRED FOR CHITTAGONG PORT (SEE PARA 4 BELOW).

TWO DONOR REPS THEN ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING FURTHER FOOD CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATIONS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY JUNE 30.

DONOR	VALUE	AMOUNT
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UK (THROUGH WFP)	STG 5 MILLION	60,000 MT
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SWEDEN	(NOT STATED)	15,000 MT
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SYEDUZZAMAN NOTED THAT GENEROUS UK GRANT WORTH ABOUT \$12 MILLION WOULD LESS THAN OFFSET \$17 MILLION FREIGHT COSTS OF US RICE AND EEC GRAINS. NEVERTHELESS, IT CLEAR THAT BDG NOW RPT NOW HAS "MOBILIZED" 1.73 MMT

PLUS EEC 100,000 PLUS UK 60,000 PLUS SWEDISH 15,000 PLUS
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF 50,000 COMMERCIALY FOR GRAND
TOTAL OF NOT LESS THAN 1,955 THOUSAND MT.

3. KHAN GAVE STOCK POSITION AT JANUARY 1, 1975 AS
174,000 MT AND AT JULY 1, 1974 AS 228,000 MT.

4. CHITTAGONG PORT. GROUP ACCEPTED UNDP RES REP
SUGGESTION THAT HIS OFFICE CONCERT WITH BDG OFFICIALS
TO PRODUCE FIRM ESTIMATES OF SPARE PARTS, EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED (INCLUDING VACUVATORS AND
SPARES FOR SILOS) TO IMPROVE CHITTAGONG PORT OPERATION.
DONORS COULD THEN CONSIDER RESPONSE TO BDG REQUEST.

5. STUDY OF DONOR DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES. ALTHOUGH
MANY (BUT NOT ALL) REPS HAD RECEIVED APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE
FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO PROPOSED STUDY, ALMOST
ALL SOUGHT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY AND SEVERAL
WISHED EXTEND STUDY TO INCLUDE BDG OWN PROCEDURES.
(NO REP REPORTED REFUSAL BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO PARTICI-
PATE.) GROUP AGREED THAT: (1) BDG WOULD PREPARE
LIST OF DONOR DISBURSEMENT PROBLEMS FOR MULTIPLE DONOR
STUDY; (2) DONOR WOULD PREPARE FACTUAL DESCRIPTION
ITS OWN DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES, WITH COMMENTS;
(3) MULTIPLE DONOR STUDY WOULD BE LIMITED TO TECHNICAL,
TERMS OF REFERENCE OF IBRD-FUNDED STUDY OF BDG IMPORT
PROCEDURES (PARS 3, REFTEL B) FOR COMMENT BY DONORS;
AND (5) IN RESPONSE UK SUGGESTION, BDG WOULD KEEP
"LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO STUDIES IN MIND" PREPARING
LIST OF DONOR DISBURSEMENT PROBLEMS (PER (1) ABOVE).

6. COMMENT: WHILE MEETING HAD TO BE RUSHED DUE TO
CONFLICTING SCHEDULES, ATMOSPHERE AGAIN CORDIAL, AND
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BDG VERY FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE DONOR QUESTIONS
CONCERNING IBRD STUDY OF BDG OWN IMPORT PROCEDURES.

7. DONOR REPS AGREED MEET FEB 17 WITHOUT BDG REPS TO
EXAMINE WAYS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF DONOR RESPONSES
TO BDG COMMODITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS.
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